

## The Weekly Caucasian.

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## TO THE DEMOCRATS OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY.

Pursuant to call from the state executive committee, the Democrats of Lafayette county will assemble in mass meeting in their respective townships on Saturday, May 24, for the purpose of selecting members of the county executive committee. It is considered important that this should be done at an early day, so that good and unbiased men may be selected. This notice is published to show that none may be ignorant. Remember the day, and arrive on time. The Democrats of Lafayette county are anxious for the advancement of the true interests of our section, be on hand. Lexington at court-house; Middleton, at Waverly; Clay, at Wellington; Soli-Bar, at Mount Hope; Washington, at Wheatley school house; Davis, at Higginville; Freedom, at Louisville; Dover, at Dover-at 1 P. M., unless otherwise arranged.

A. A. LESCHER, Chm. Ex. Com.  
W. B. STEELE, Secretary.

A bill appropriating \$90,000 for the purchase of railroads for the relief of persons suffering from the inundation of the lower Mississippi has passed the lower house of congress.

The St. Louis Globe is in the habit of pulling people through tight places, but we do not think its low line is strong enough to yank Grant through his veto introglio.

Senator Boggs has made an able speech on the Louisiana rascals. He is fast obtaining a front position in that body, one memorable as containing Clay, Benton, Calhoun and Webster.

The financial bill was taken up in the senate Tuesday and lost by a vote of 34 yeas to 80 nays, several senators making it convenient to be absent. It required a two-thirds vote to pass it over the veto.

The Bender excitement is raging in Kansas. Old Bender, as some call him, has reached Topeka, and it is claimed the name of the prisoner is Johannes Cook, and not the notorious out-throat. An old lady, a Prussian, was arrested near Topeka as an old woman Bender, but her capturers were mistaken and she was discharged. It is feared that the guilty wretches are still at large.

And now comes another report from Salt Lake that a girl supposed to be Kate Bender, and a man supposed to be John Bender, have been arrested near there, and will be held for identification.

The lower Mississippi has been higher, this season, by two feet, than ever before known, and the damage is incalculable. The river at Memphis was from bluff to bluff, a distance of forty miles. A number of railroads were submerged, and travel suspended. On the 23rd the water was at a stand at Memphis, but had commenced receding at Camden, and is now no doubt rapidly subsiding. Contributions are being received from all the large cities, but much suffering must ensue, as it will be impossible to raise crops this season on the overflowed lands.

The St. Louis Republic does not like the Caucasian, Landmark, Conservator and some others of the country press. The old craft is like one of the French steamers that has been overhauled and lengthened out. It will do first rate for hospital or shore service, but is sure to get into trouble if it ever leaves the harbor. In the old time it was a power in politics, now the veriest donkey engine can carry more steam than the old thunderer, and do more effective service. The people have found it out. As a commercial paper it is all right, but when it comes to politics, the less said about it the better, for no shuttle-cock has ever veered offener than the paper of the Messrs. Knapp with their Walter press.

Senator Sherman, in the senate Tuesday, said for his part he longed to have a return to the good old days of Andrew Jackson, when the president had a wholesome influence upon congress and when the policies and views of the administration had some weight. This sounds well, coming from such a source. The appearance of Andrew Jackson would make the fellows now wearing the senatorial toga shrivel into nothingness. Jackson acted for the liberties of the people, was despotic with the bankers; Grant is despotic with the liberties of the masses and acts as the friend of the bondholder. Honest John Sherman, the millionaire, would have Grant assume the role of Jackson, because grumbling goes up among the faithful over the short comings of their chief. He can't pull Grant through.

Nearly a dozen of the richest cotton producing parishes in Louisiana are overflooded, and an equal number of sugar-producing parishes are more or less inundated. It is estimated that nearly 200,000 people are affected by the floods. A southern exchange says:

"The condition of planters in portions of the overflooded territory of Louisiana is heartrending in the extreme. Thousands have not only been driven from their homes, but lost every thing which they possessed. Their fences are swept away, their cattle are destroyed, their crops are blighted, and they are left without the means of subsistence. This is especially the case in the valley of the Ouachita, where bad crops last year, none this year, and every moribund thing swept away by the flood, leave the people utterly destitute."

## RADICALISM DOOMED.

From all portions of the west and south indignation protests are expressed in regard to the action of President Grant in vetoing the currency bill. He has unleashed the whirlwind, and in its fury it will sweep the money changers from the corridors of the capital. Logan, Morton and others, who have held up their hands in the past, now speak of him as the tool of the bondholder, denounce him as the destroyer of their party, and seem to forget that such denunciation of their chief a few months since was rank heresy. Every indication points to the disintegration of the corrupt cabal that has so long held sway in the Federal city. The president, steeped to the lips in the adulation and the flattery of the gilded few, forgets the tax-burdened mass of suffering humanity, and talks glibly in his message of direct taxation to sustain the enormous debt that has fattened upon the miseries of the people. He has deliberately turned his back upon the interests of the section that honored him, ignored all of the demands and requests made in its behalf, and listening to the siren song of wealth and gold beads not the mighty manner of an indignant people. But he will hear and he will have to heed it. Louder far than the sound of the billows that break upon the beach near his cottage by the sea, will be heard the denunciations that are now welling up from the farms and the workshops, from the men of muscle and of labor. They are the controllers of events, and number millions, hence no soft sussurus, borne upon an evening zephyr, will wing its way to the city of Washington, but a fierce sirocco of indignation. Too well do the older politicians see the signs, and they are preparing for the coming tornado. The next campaign will witness the defeat of every western member that dared to give his vote and influence against the west, and in favor of our natural enemy, the east. We are the producers, they the consumers, hence we must be crushed financially so that they can secure provender for their laboring masses, dictating to us what we shall or shall not have. Their day is well nigh ended. The shadow on the dial of Ahaz does not move backward. A few years more and the great west, now moulding into imperial proportions, will control affairs, and then the plethoric moneyed kings of the Atlantic seaboard will have learned the salutary lesson that government bonds and greenbacks are not king. Grant and his advisers may triumph for a while, but the moment that he handed his private secretary the message that carried with it the welfare of the agricultural portion of the republic, he signed away all hope of succeeding to the third term. He is as dead now as Capt. Jack and his Medocs, and the hand of the resurrectionist will never reach him. While we regret that the interests of the west are thus sacrificed, we feel confident that it is only by such blows as this that the people are taught the unworthiness of their rulers, and what a hollow mockery patriotism is when rated by a demagogue or a mercenary chieftain, and thus seeing for themselves they will the more readily be able to recognize friends from foes. The embers are aglow and the end is not yet.

## A GOOD MAN GONE.

With the coming of the violets has winged its way to the realms of the Infinite, the soul of Hon. Wm. Newland, Senator from the 13th district, and no purer man ever crossed his hands on his breast and sank to his eternal slumber. Sunday last he breathed forth his last sigh, having lingered for several months on the confines of the spirit land, and passed to his reward. At the age of fifteen years he accompanied his mother from Shelby county, Kentucky, to Ralls county, this state, where he has since resided, reflecting credit upon himself and Missouri. In 1848 he was elected to the legislature, and in 1856 was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, on the whig ticket, and defeated by a small majority. Up right conscientious in all of his dealings, a free and easy debater, no one was ever at a loss where he stood, and notwithstanding his extreme ill-health, the dew of death upon his brow, we saw him last winter carried into the senate chamber so that he could vote for a bill that he deemed of service to his state and section. In all the walks of life he was upright and honorable and he leaves behind him a record irreproachable. His loss will be deplored by hosts of friends who reverence true manhood, and when the mould was placed above his casketed remains, a good citizen, an able representative, a kind husband and an affectionate father was bid from mortal vision, but his memory will linger with us like the fragrance of the season that led him to his grave.

## THE POWER OF A COUNTY COURT.

A sound decision, defining the power of a county court, was made at Allentown, Pa., April 28. Snow fell to the depth of ten inches. Old Bender has been brought from Salt Lake jail, and is now in jail at Topeka, Kansas. There is no doubt as to his being the right man. Three-fourths of the members of the South Carolina legislature are negroes, and more than fifty of them can neither read nor write; yet these negroes are said to be superior to the white members, who are the very scum of perdition. A freeman in Paris recently swallowed a fork accidentally, and now they are making an instrument wherewith to recover the fork. Twenty of the most celebrated physicians of Paris will attend the operation. They had better let the fork kill him, for he is capable of doing much damage with his gullet. It is reported that recent discoveries have been made of rich deposits of gold in the famous Gold Hill mining districts, so rich that it is almost impossible to get miners to work for day wages. Nearly every man has discovered a lode or lode, and engaged in work on his own account. A lot of Coventry, Vermont, people gave one of their neighbors a ride on a rail the other day, because he had greased his wife's best dress all over to prevent going to church, and was in the habit of abusing his family. They spared him a coat and feathers only on promise of betrothal. The following described small game was indulged in at Atlanta, Georgia: A party of young men dined supper at a restaurant, and each one insisted on paying the bill. To decide the matter it was proposed to blindfold the waiter, and the first one he caught should pay the bill. He has taught any of them yet. Gen. Francis A. Walker, superintendent of the census, is doubtless the only officer in the service of the United States who refuses to receive any salary. At his own request, the word "emoluments" was stricken from his commission, and he would only consent to continue in the service on condition that he receive no pay. Jack Pendergast was fined ten dollars by a Chicago justice for an assault, the alternative being ten days in jail. To get the money to pay the fine he picked the pocket of a lawyer, but when he was caught he was fined ten dollars for the robbery, and the lawyer recognized his own, and Jack will go to the state prison for many years. Rosenthal, the celebrated French chess-player, recently performed at Paris another of those surprising feats for which he is so famous. He played at the Palais Royal twenty-seven games of chess at once with that number of the best French and foreign chess-players. Rosenthal won twenty-three games, three were draws, and he lost only one. In Berkley street church, Boston, \$300 were subscribed Sunday night, for the sufferers by the overflow of the Mississippi and its tributaries. Several prominent gentlemen met with Mr. Maynard in his office, and sent a telegram to New Orleans, asking for some definite information about the necessities of the people in need of the necessities of the flood. Mr. Asher P. Cole has shown us a trout with two heads, two sets of gills, four eyes, two mouths and two bodies. The heads were just back of the gills. Each head runs independently of the other, and he is placed in front of the creature, both mouths go for it. Both mouths take food at the same time. All the gills are in working order. Such a freak of nature is entirely unprecedented, and Rosenthal should have it. The trout seems as lively and healthy as his brethren. (Wellsville, N. Y., Reporter.) Col. W. J. Payne, of Cream Ridge township, who is a successful tobacco raiser, priced and recently sold his crop of tobacco in St. Louis, at the following prices: One hundred lbs., weight 1200 pounds at \$4.50 per hundred; one hundred lbs., weight 1200 pounds at \$4.50 per hundred; one hundred lbs., weight 1200 pounds at \$4.50 per hundred; one hundred lbs., weight 1200 pounds at \$4.50 per hundred. After paying freight and commission, Col. Payne realized the handsome price of \$7.05 per cwt. net for his crop, lbs. and all. This did not include the cost of pricing.

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A Lexington correspondent of the Kansas City Commercial, after giving out a readable letter, says of our courts that Justice Wood was commissioned in violation of law. If this correspondent doesn't know that this assertion is false he had better find some reliable contraband and get posted. He goes on to say that rumors are rife of a fashionable scandal, in which prominent gentlemen are mixed, but declines to make disclosures. Then what is the use of saying anything about it? Stick to the truth, and fear not, is our advice to him. An excise was discussed in Coffey county, Ala., a few days since, measuring eight and a half feet from tip to tip. When first seen it was after a couple of deer, and then on the other, buying his talents in the deer. The deer were running for a gentleman who wanted to buy them for a gift, and when in a shooting distance fired on one of them. The eagle perched on a tree near by. Seeing them both shot down almost by one of them and went to eating, but a fatal shot that hit the deer brought him down. There are said to be cubs of them in that section of the country.

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Andrew Johnson, still championing the political bill, is preparing to enter the lists for senator, to succeed Brownlow, and has had himself interviewed in regard to his political position. He would like to have an expression of the people at large at the polls on the senatorial question—is in favor of a reduction of taxes in the state and supports the bondholders in their fight against the inflationists. Andrew was a Moses in the past and he has not forgotten his ancient cunning.

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A case will soon come before the circuit court in Indianapolis, which is so novel that it will bear stating. Some years ago a lady married here, and growing tired of her liege, was divorced in four months; in another month she was married to her second husband, and in four months from this marriage she gave birth to a child by her first husband; a short time ago her second husband obtained a divorce from her, and the court gave him the child. The first husband was the child, and the two fathers are the contestants. "Now whose child shall it be?"

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And by the way, the celebrated Black Alpaca manufactured by Wilson & Co., Bradford, England.

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Prescut culture is a success in Newton county. Clay county refuses to grant dram-shop licenses. T. U. Groves, of Petta, recently paid \$25 for a heifer. The Otoe Herald claims that St. Clair county has a record in Joplin. Feed and produce are scarce in Joplin. Corn is 50 cents per bushel. The fruit is all right, and wheat never looked better in this county. The prospect for a good crop in South-west Missouri is very flattering. The anti-whisky ticket was triumphant in the late election in Brookfield. There will be three thousand acres of new corn in Cedar county this spring. The prospect for a good crop in South-west Missouri is very flattering. The anti-whisky ticket was triumphant in the late election in Brookfield. There will be three thousand acres of new corn in Cedar county this spring. The prospect for a good crop in South-west Missouri is very flattering. The anti-whisky ticket was triumphant in the late election in Brookfield. There will be three thousand acres of new corn in Cedar county this spring.

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According to the Progress the fruit crop in Saline county was not injured by the late cold snap. Judge John M. Pratt, deceased, was re-elected judge of the county court of Lincoln county last week. During the last two weeks 1000 head of cattle and 1000 head of hogs have been shipped from Miami. The Linn county Teachers' institute, which met in Linn county last week, wound up its proceedings by a dance. Mr. Claycomb, of Petta, the other day sold his noted trotting filly, Saline Belle, to G. P. Wilson, for \$750. Henry Clay Dean is delivering temperance lectures in the north part of the state, and justifying the crusade. He was proposed to blindfold the waiter, and the first one he caught should pay the bill. He has taught any of them yet. Gen. Francis A. Walker, superintendent of the census, is doubtless the only officer in the service of the United States who refuses to receive any salary. At his own request, the word "emoluments" was stricken from his commission, and he would only consent to continue in the service on condition that he receive no pay. Jack Pendergast was fined ten dollars by a Chicago justice for an assault, the alternative being ten days in jail. To get the money to pay the fine he picked the pocket of a lawyer, but when he was caught he was fined ten dollars for the robbery, and the lawyer recognized his own, and Jack will go to the state prison for many years. Rosenthal, the celebrated French chess-player, recently performed at Paris another of those surprising feats for which he is so famous. He played at the Palais Royal twenty-seven games of chess at once with that number of the best French and foreign chess-players. Rosenthal won twenty-three games, three were draws, and he lost only one. In Berkley street church, Boston, \$300 were subscribed Sunday night, for the sufferers by the overflow of the Mississippi and its tributaries. Several prominent gentlemen met with Mr. Maynard in his office, and sent a telegram to New Orleans, asking for some definite information about the necessities of the people in need of the necessities of the flood. Mr. Asher P. Cole has shown us a trout with two heads, two sets of gills, four eyes, two mouths and two bodies. The heads were just back of the gills. Each head runs independently of the other, and he is placed in front of the creature, both mouths go for it. Both mouths take food at the same time. All the gills are in working order. Such a freak of nature is entirely unprecedented, and Rosenthal should have it. The trout seems as lively and healthy as his brethren. (Wellsville, N. Y., Reporter.) Col. W. J. Payne, of Cream Ridge township, who is a successful tobacco raiser, priced and recently sold his crop of tobacco in St. Louis, at the following prices: One hundred lbs., weight 1200 pounds at \$4.50 per hundred; one hundred lbs., weight 1200 pounds at \$4.50 per hundred; one hundred lbs., weight 1200 pounds at \$4.50 per hundred; one hundred lbs., weight 1200 pounds at \$4.50 per hundred. After paying freight and commission, Col. Payne realized the handsome price of \$7.05 per cwt. net for his crop, lbs. and all. This did not include the cost of pricing.

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